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SUBJECT: TREATY VERIFICATION FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS

1. THE DEFENSE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM {DFLP} NEEDS AN ESTIMATE OF LINGUIST REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT TREATY VERIFICATION OR OTHER STRATEGIC INITIATIVES. OF CONCERN, THE DFLP IS PROVIDING TAILORED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING SUPPORT TO THE ON-SITE INSPECTION AGENCY {OSIA} IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES {INF} TREATY. THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER {DLIFLC} REACTED RAPIDLY TO THE UNFORECASTED INF REQUIREMENT DESPITE LITTLE WARNING AND GUIDANCE.

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UNFORTUNATELY, THE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVELS NEEDED TO MEET OSIA REQUIREMENTS EXCEED MOST MISSIONS IDENTIFIED FOR THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICES. THEREFORE, PROVIDING SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, AND DEVELOPING AND ADMINISTERING AD HOC TRAINING AND TESTING STRAINS THE CAPABILITY OF THE DFLR.

2. CLOSE, CONTINUING COORDINATION WITH OSIA, AND FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT, ARE ASSURING MINIMUM ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF OSIA ARE SATISFIED. DLIFLC, FOR EXAMPLE, INITIATED A 27-WEEK COURSE TO SUPPORT OSIA OVER THE DURATION OF THE INF TREATY. INITIAL ITERATION OF THE COURSE IS 30 MAR 89, AND WILL BE REPEATED QUARTERLY. THE SPECIAL COURSE IS DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY FOR SPEAKING PROFICIENCY WITH EMPHASIS ON INF TERMINOLOGY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THE COURSE WILL ASSIST THE SERVICES TO DEVELOP A POOL OF QUALIFIED LINGUISTS TO SATISFY INF NEEDS, AND BEGIN TO ESTABLISH A BASELINE TO MEET POSSIBLE TASKINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TREATY (START).

3. THIS TRAINING STRATEGY WILL REDUCE THE IMPACT ON THE LIMITED RESERVOIR OF RUSSIAN LINGUISTS AND DEVELOP A NUCLEUS TO PREPARE FOR START REQUIREMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, THIS MODEST EFFORT CANNOT OVERCOME LACK OF FORMAL DIRECTION TO GUIDE PLANNING FOR THE

BY TREATY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE TASK, SHOULD SPECIFY LANGUAGES AND
BE COLLATED FOR SERVICE APPORTIONMENT.

6. THE RECENT INITIATION OF UNANTICIPATED SPANISH LANGUAGE
TRAINING TO THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) FURTHER

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